

19 April 1952

The Honorable Chester Bowles  
American Ambassador  
American Embassy  
New Delhi, India

Dear Ambassador Bowles:

General Smith has asked me to express his appreciation for your letter dated 7 April 1952 and the enclosed copy of your second progress report on India.

As was the case with the first study, your current report will be most helpful to us.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Director/Intelligence

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New Delhi, India, April 7, 1952

Dear General Smith:

I am enclosing a second progress report on India which follows up one I prepared last February. The current report spells out in some detail the way in which Point Four is developing here and describes both the problems and the opportunities.

The report emphasizes that our effort here must not only be adequate in amount but also carefully designed to insure the maximum amount of participation, hard work and dedication on the part of the village people themselves. Average agriculture productivity here is so incredibly low and the opportunity for increased irrigation and effective extension work so great that the goal of food self-sufficiency is wholly practical and attainable.

As the situation in Europe becomes more stable we can count on increasing pressure by the Communists throughout Asia. American assistance aimed at strengthening India's economy and its democracy can have a vitally important effect in keeping this part of the world free.

We have a great opportunity here and I am hopeful that we will not miss it.

My very best wishes.

Sincerely,

  
Chester Bowles

Enclosure:  
Report

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